

Missouri Boating Statistics & Drownings



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Introduction

This booklet is published by the Missouri State Highway Patrol as an aid to persons who are interested in recreational boating crashes and accidental drowning incidents occurring in the state. It contains information which provides a comprehensive look at statewide crashes and accidental drowning incidents as experienced in 2013.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol is the central recreational boating data collection agency for the State of Missouri. The Patrol investigates all recreational boating crashes occurring in the state and either investigates or gathers data on accidental drowning incidents occurring in state and private waters.

Interesting Statistics

Here at a glance are some interesting statistics found in this booklet:

- In 2013 there were 17 persons killed and 88 persons injured in recreational boating crashes in the State of Missouri. This was five more killed and 11 fewer injured than in 2012. There was a decrease of 28% in total crashes statewide compared to 2012.
- In 2013 there were 140 total crashes including 62 property damage only, 61 injury, and 17 fatal.
- "Failed to keep proper lookout" was the leading contributing circumstance for all crashes followed by "inattention." Alcohol was known to have been a contributing circumstance on 42 crashes statewide.
- Capsizing type crashes resulted in the deaths of two persons. This was 12% of the total persons killed in crashes.
- Of all crashes reported statewide, 82% (115) occurred during the months of May through August.
- Most crashes occurred on Saturday (50) and Sunday (30) and most occurred between noon and 8:00 p.m.
- Of all crashes reported statewide, 75% (105) involved only one watercraft. All 17 fatal crashes involved only one watercraft.
- Of 149 boat operators involved in crashes, 79 had no prior boater education.
- In 2013, there were 35 persons killed in accidental drowning incidents occurring in state waters, 18 more than in 2012. In addition, the Missouri State Highway Patrol investigated three accidental drowning incidents that occurred on private property.
- Most drowning incidents occurred on Friday (6), Saturday (11), and Sunday (6) and most occurred during the months of June (12) and August (7).

It is hoped that the information in this booklet will be of value to you. Certainly it is the most comprehensive look available at statewide crashes and accidental drowning incidents in Missouri.



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Boating Crashes by Year

Statewide Boating Crashes in Missouri

Year	Statewide Crashes				Persons Involved		
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	Killed	Injury	Total
2009	16	89	114	219	17	118	135
2010	13	98	124	235	14	120	134
2011	16	64	86	166	19	87	106
2012	10	75	109	194	12	99	111
2013	17	61	62	140	17	88	105

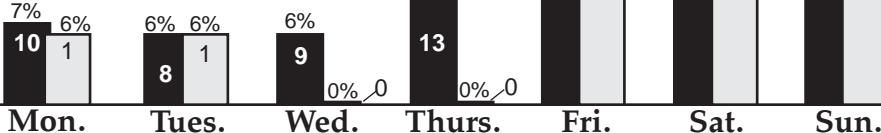
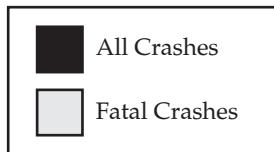
Boating Crashes by Month

Statewide Boating Crashes By Month

	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	2	2
March	0	0	1	1
April	1	0	2	3
May	3	6	6	15
June	3	11	10	24
July	3	26	27	56
August	3	13	4	20
September	4	3	8	15
October	0	2	0	2
November	0	0	1	1
December	0	0	1	1
Total	17	61	62	140

Crashes by Day and Hour

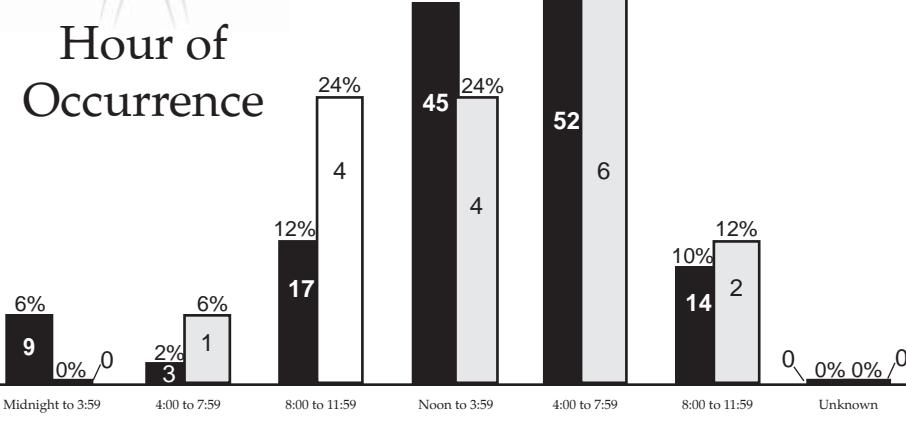
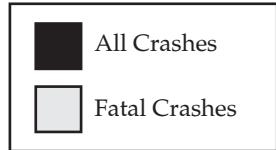
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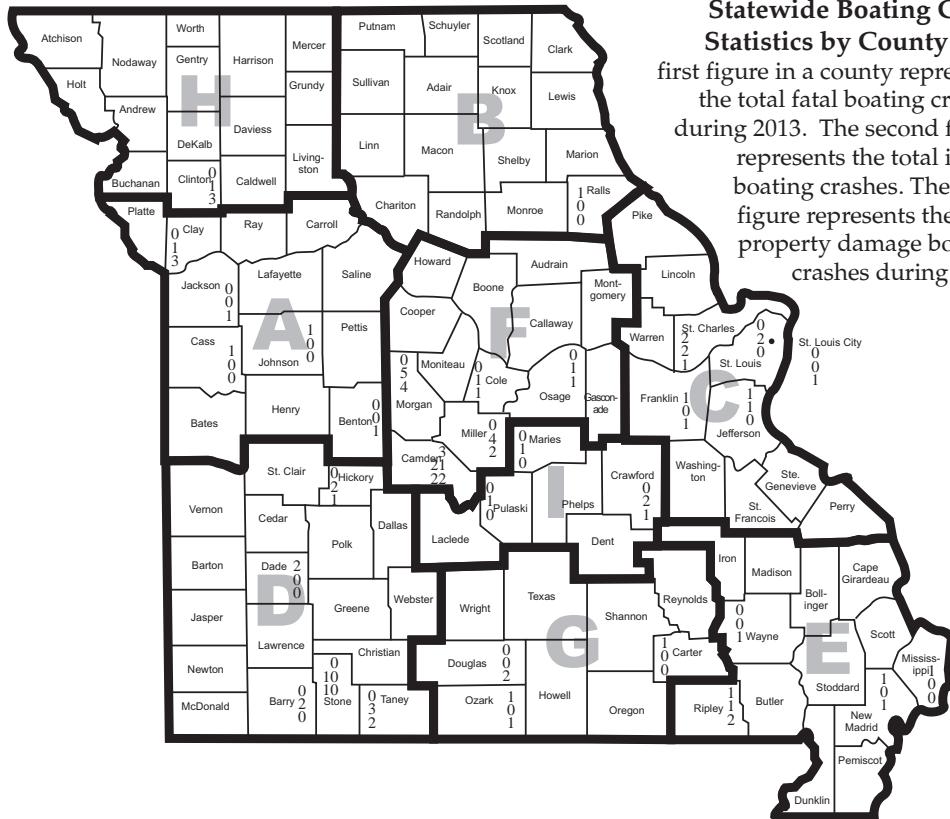
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Hour of Occurrence



Boating Crashes by County

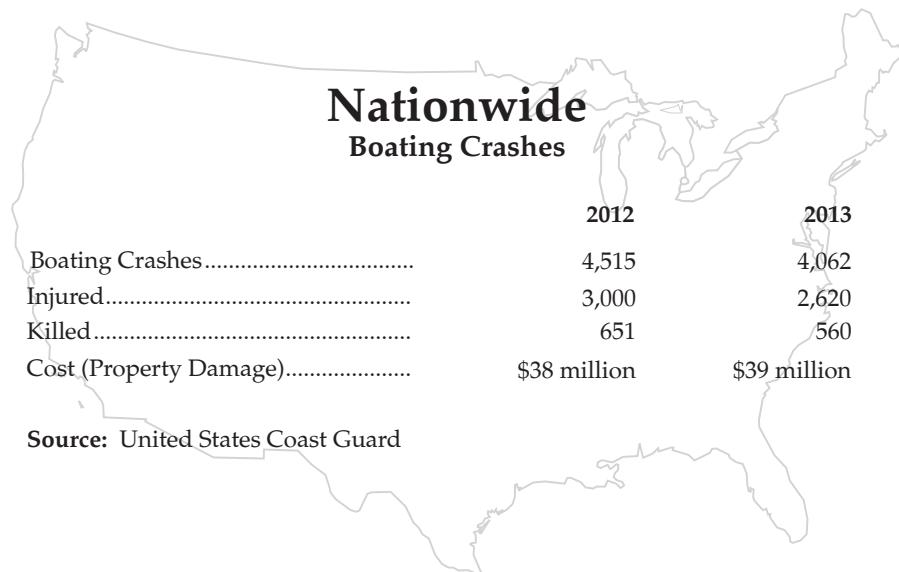


Statewide Boating Crash Statistics by County - The first figure in a county represents the total fatal boating crashes during 2013. The second figure represents the total injury boating crashes. The third figure represents the total property damage boating crashes during 2013.

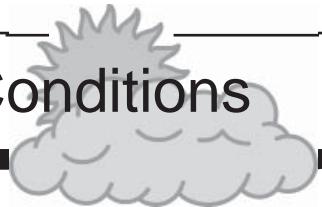
Boating Crashes by Troop

Troop	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	%
Troop A.....	2	1	5	8	5.71
Troop B.....	1	0	0	1	.71
Troop C.....	4	5	3	12	8.57
Troop D.....	2	17	13	32	22.86
Troop E.....	3	1	4	8	5.71
Troop F.....	3	32	30	65	46.43
Troop G.....	2	0	3	5	3.57
Troop H.....	0	1	3	4	2.86
Troop I.....	0	4	1	5	3.57
Total.....	17	61	62	140	

Nationwide Information



Water & Weather Conditions



Water Conditions	Fatal Crashes	Percent	All Crashes	Percent
Calm (waves less than 6').....	8	47.06	67	47.86
Choppy (waves 6" to 2').....	3	17.65	40	28.57
Rough (waves 2' to 6').....	0	0	14	10.00
Very Rough (waves more than 6').....	0	0	0	0
Strong/Swift Current	6	35.29	19	13.57
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0
Total	17		140	

Weather Conditions	Fatal Crashes	Percent	All Crashes	Percent
Clear	9	52.94	103	73.05
Cloudy	7	41.18	28	19.86
Fog	0	0	2	1.42
Rain	1	5.88	6	4.26
Snow.....	0	0	1	.71
Hazy	0	0	1	.71
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0
Total	17		141	

Crash Type

Statewide Boating Crashes in Missouri

Type of Crash	Crashes					Persons Involved			
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	%	Killed	Injury	Total	%
Capsizing.....	2	3	1	6	4.29	2	6	8	7.62
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.....	0	1	0	1	.71	0	2	2	1.90
Collision with Commercial Vessel.....	1	0	0	1	.71	1	1	2	1.90
Collision with Fixed Object	2	4	14	20	14.29	2	4	6	5.71
Collision with Floating Object.....	0	1	3	4	2.86	0	1	1	.95
Collision with Vessel.....	1	10	18	29	20.71	1	16	17	16.19
Electrocution.....	0	1	0	1	.71	0	1	1	.95
Fall within Vessel.....	0	10	1	11	7.86	0	14	14	13.33
Fall Overboard	7	10	0	17	12.14	7	10	17	16.19
Fire/Explosion (Fuel)	0	3	7	10	7.14	0	7	7	6.67
Flooding/Swamping	2	0	10	12	8.57	2	0	2	1.90
Grounding.....	1	2	5	8	5.71	1	7	8	7.62
Person Left Vessel.....	1	0	0	1	.71	1	0	1	.95
Skier Mishap	0	9	0	9	6.43	0	9	9	8.57
Struck by Prop or Propulsion Unit	0	3	0	3	2.14	0	4	4	3.81
Struck by Vessel.....	0	4	0	4	2.86	0	6	6	5.71
Struck Submerged Object.....	0	0	3	3	2.14	0	0	0	0
Total.....	17	61	62	140		17	88	105	
Percentage	12.14	43.57	44.29			16.19	83.81		

Crashes by Body of Water/County

Body of Water	County	Crash Severity				Personal Severity		
		Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
Big Creek	Johnson	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Blue Springs Lake	Jackson	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Bull Shoals Lake	Douglas	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Bull Shoals Lake	Ozark	1	0	1	2	1	0	1
Current River	Carter	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Current River	Ripley	1	1	2	4	1	2	3
Gasconade River	Maries	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Gasconade River	Osage	0	1	0	1	0	2	2
Gasconade River	Pulaski	0	1	0	1	0	2	2
Indian Lake	Crawford	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Lake of the Ozarks	Camden	3	21	22	46	3	34	37
Lake of the Ozarks	Miller	0	4	2	6	0	4	4
Lake of the Ozarks	Morgan	0	5	4	9	0	6	6
Lake Sherwood	St. Charles	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Lake Taneycomo	Taney	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Mark Twain Lake	Ralls	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Meramec River	Crawford	0	1	1	2	0	1	1
Meramec River	Franklin	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Meramec River	Jeffeson	1	1	0	2	1	3	4
Meramec River	St. Louis	0	2	0	2	0	4	4
Mississippi River	New Madrid	1	0	1	2	1	1	2
Mississippi River	St. Charles	2	1	1	4	2	1	3
Mississippi River	St. Louis City	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Missouri River	Franklin	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Osage River	Cole	0	1	1	2	0	1	1
Osage River	Osage	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Pomme De Terre Lake	Hickory	0	2	1	3	0	2	2
Private Pond	Cass	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Smithville Lake	Clay	0	1	3	4	0	1	1
Smithville Lake	Clinton	0	1	3	4	0	1	1
South Spring Creek	Douglas	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Stockton Lake	Dade	2	0	0	2	2	0	2
Table Rock Lake	Barry	0	2	0	2	0	6	6
Table Rock Lake	Stone	0	10	10	20	0	10	10

Crashes by Body of Water/County

Body of Water	County	Crash Severity				Personal Severity		
		Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
Table Rock Lake	Taney	0	3	0	3	0	4	4
Truman Lake	Benton	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Upper Big Lake	Mississippi	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Wappapello Lake	Wayne	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total		17	61	62	140	17	88	105

Crashes by Multi-County Body of Water

Body of Water	Crash Severity				Personal Severity		
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
Bull Shoals Lake	1	0	2	3	1	0	1
Current River	2	1	2	5	2	2	4
Gasconade River.....	0	3	0	3	0	5	5
Lake of the Ozarks	3	30	28	61	3	44	47
Meramec River	1	4	2	7	1	8	9
Mississippi River	3	1	3	7	3	2	5
Osage River	0	1	2	3	0	1	1
Smithville Lake	0	2	6	8	0	2	2
Table Rock Lake.....	0	15	10	25	0	20	20
Total	10	57	55	122	10	84	94

Probable Contributing Circumstances

Probable Contributing Circumstance	Crash Severity				Personal Severity		
	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	Killed	Injured	Total
Careless/Reckless Operation	2	14	4	20	2	18	20
Equipment Failure (PFD, Bilge Pump, etc.).....	0	1	3	4	0	1	1
Excessive Speed.....	0	11	8	19	1	13	14
Exhaustion.....	2	0	0	2	2	0	2
Failed to Keep Proper Lookout	3	13	12	28	3	25	28
Failed to Take Evasive Action	2	5	5	12	2	7	9
Fatigue	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Hazard in Water	3	4	16	23	3	6	9
Health/Medical Problem.....	4	0	0	4	4	0	4
Hull Failure	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Impairment (Alcohol/Drugs).....	7	8	4	19	7	19	26
Improperly Loaded Vessel	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Inattention	2	13	11	26	2	13	15
Inexperience of Operator	2	10	9	21	2	12	14
Mechanical Failure (Electric/Fuel, etc.)	0	6	8	14	0	11	11
Navigation Lights (None/Partial).....	0	2	2	4	0	6	6
Obstructed Visibility in Vessel.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Off Throttle Steering	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Operated Too Close to Shoreline	0	1	9	10	0	1	1
Overloaded.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger/Skier Behavior	1	7	0	8	1	18	19
Restricted Visibility (Fog, Rain, etc.)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Restricted Vision.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Swimming Ability (Weak/None)	3	0	0	3	3	0	3
Type of Vessel.....	1	0	1	2	1	0	1
Unknown.....	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Water Conditions (Rough, Chop, Current, etc.)..	2	14	8	24	2	17	19
Weather Conditions	0	0	1	1	0	0	0

Vessel Actions at Time of Crash

Vessel Action	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total	%
Anchored	0	2	3	5	2.84
Commercial Activity.....	1	0	0	1	.57
Docked	0	2	7	9	5.11
Fishing	5	1	2	8	4.55
Fueling	0	0	1	1	.57
Leaving Dock	0	2	1	3	1.70
Other	0	3	6	9	5.11
Recreational (Pleasure) Boating	12	51	56	119	67.61
Starting Engine	0	1	1	2	1.14
Moored (Bank, Vessel, etc.)	0	0	2	2	1.14
Towing Other Vessel	0	0	1	1	.57
Tubing	0	7	1	8	4.55
Water Skiing	0	7	1	8	4.55
Total.....	18	76	82	176	

Alcohol Involvement

Drinking and Crashes - Whether or not a person has been drinking cannot always be determined at the scene of a crash. It is generally impossible to determine the persons who have had one or a few drinks; yet, these individuals may be as much of a hazard as the obvious drunk. Because of the time lapse from the moment of occurrence until an officer arrives at the scene to make the investigation, a person's condition concerning drinking can change a great deal. In cases where the individual may have been removed to a hospital, doctor's office or funeral home, his condition may never be determined.

Alcohol/Drugs Involved

Fatal Boating Crashes:

Alcohol/Drugs Involved	10
No Alcohol/Drugs Involved.....	6
Information Not Known	1

All Boating Crashes:

Alcohol/Drugs Involved	42
No Alcohol/Drugs Involved.....	93
Information Not Known	6

	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total
Yes	10	19	13	42
No	6	42	45	93
Unknown	1	0	5	6
Total	17	61	63	141

(Includes crashes where an operator was drinking or using drugs regardless of the alcohol/drugs contributing to the crash.)

Alcohol/Drugs Probable Contributing Circumstance

Persons Killed

7

Persons Injured.....

19

(Includes crashes where alcohol or drug use contributed to the cause of the crash.)

Number of Vessels Involved

Statewide Crashes by Number of Vessels Involved							
Number of Vessels	Crashes				Persons Involved		
	Fatal	Injury	Prop. Damage	Total	Fatal	Injury	Total
1	17	45	43	105	17	59	76
2	0	16	18	34	0	29	29
3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	61	62	140	17	88	105

Vessel Type Involved

Vessel Type

Bassboat	5
Cabin Motorboat	0
Canoe	2
Commercial	1
Houseboat	0
Inflatable	1
Jon	2
Kayak	0
Off Shore	0
Open Motorboat	2
Personal Watercraft	3
Pontoon	1
Raft-Rubber	1
Runabout	0
Unknown	0
Total	18

Crash Severity			
Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	Total
5	4	8	17
0	1	4	5
2	2	0	4
1	0	1	2
0	0	1	1
1	0	0	1
2	1	3	6
0	1	0	1
0	2	2	4
2	15	24	41
3	22	7	32
1	6	16	23
1	0	0	1
0	22	15	37
0	0	1	1
18	76	82	176

Age of Killed/Injured and Operators

Killed/Injured By Age Group	Age of Person	Killed	Percent	Injured	Percent
	Under 1	0	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0	0
	2	0	0	0	0
	3	0	0	0	0
	4	0	0	0	0
	5	0	0	0	0
	6 - 10	0	0	4	4.55
	11 - 15	0	0	6	6.82
	16 - 20	3	17.65	12	13.64
	21 - 25	2	11.76	7	7.95
	26 - 30	2	11.76	9	10.23
	31 - 35	2	11.76	5	5.68
	36 - 40	0	0	5	5.68
	41 - 45	1	5.88	7	7.95
	46 - 50	0	0	7	7.95
	51 - 55	1	5.88	9	10.23
	56 - 60	2	11.76	7	7.95
	61 - 65	4	23.53	8	9.09
	66 - 70	0	0	2	2.27
	71 - 75	0	0	0	0
	76 and Over	0	0	0	0
	Not Stated	0	0	0	0
	Total	17		88	

Age of Operators of Vessels Involved in Crashes	Age of Operator	Number Involved	Severity		
			Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	Property Damage Crashes
	15 and Under	2	0	0	2
	16	3	0	3	0
	17	2	0	1	1
	18	0	0	0	0
	19	1	0	1	0
	20	1	0	0	1
	21 - 25	19	2	10	7
	26 - 30	13	4	4	5
	31 - 35	10	1	4	5
	36 - 40	11	0	2	9
	41 - 45	19	1	9	9
	46 - 50	21	0	14	7
	51 - 55	15	0	7	8
	56 - 60	12	2	5	5
	61 - 65	13	4	5	4
	66 - 70	8	0	3	5
	71 - 75	1	1	0	0
	76 and Over	1	0	1	0
	Not Stated	24	3	7	14
	Total Drivers	176	18	76	82

Buoy/Regatta/Dive Team/ Boater Education Statistics

Buoy/Regatta/Dive Team/Boater Education Statistics			
	2011	2012	2013
Buoy Permitting			
Permits	3,598	5,129	5,219
Approved Applications	51	59	55
Denied Applications	19	16	26
Revoked Permits	150	41	40
Updated Permits	15	33	15
Other Modifications/Reinstate	29	3	0
Regatta Permitting			
Total Permitted Events	1,933	1,901	1,942
Dive Team Missions			
Total Dives	41	28	42
Boater Education			
Students Taught by Troopers	4,647	3,356	1,974
Internet Courses Taught	8,168	10,135	9,942
Total Education Cards Issued	8,731	13,675	10,564

Drownings by Year

Statewide Drowning Incidents in Missouri

Year	State Waters	Private	Total
2009	25	2	27
2010	44	6	50
2011	35	6	41
2012	17	4	21
2013	35	3	38

Drownings by Month

Statewide Drowning Incidents By Month

Month	State Waters	Private	Total
January	1	0	1
February	0	0	0
March	1	0	1
April	1	0	1
May	4	1	5
June	10	2	12
July	6	0	6
August	7	0	7
September	3	0	3
October	1	0	1
November	1	0	1
December	0	0	0
Total	35	3	38

No accidental drowning victim was wearing a personal floatation device.

Drownings by Day and Hour

Drowning Incidents by Day of Week

Day of Week	State Waters	Private	Total	Percent
Sunday	5	1	6	15.79
Monday	2	0	2	5.26
Tuesday	4	0	4	10.53
Wednesday	4	1	5	13.16
Thursday	4	0	4	10.53
Friday	6	0	6	15.79
Saturday	10	1	11	28.95
Total	35	3	38	

Drowning Incidents by Time of Day

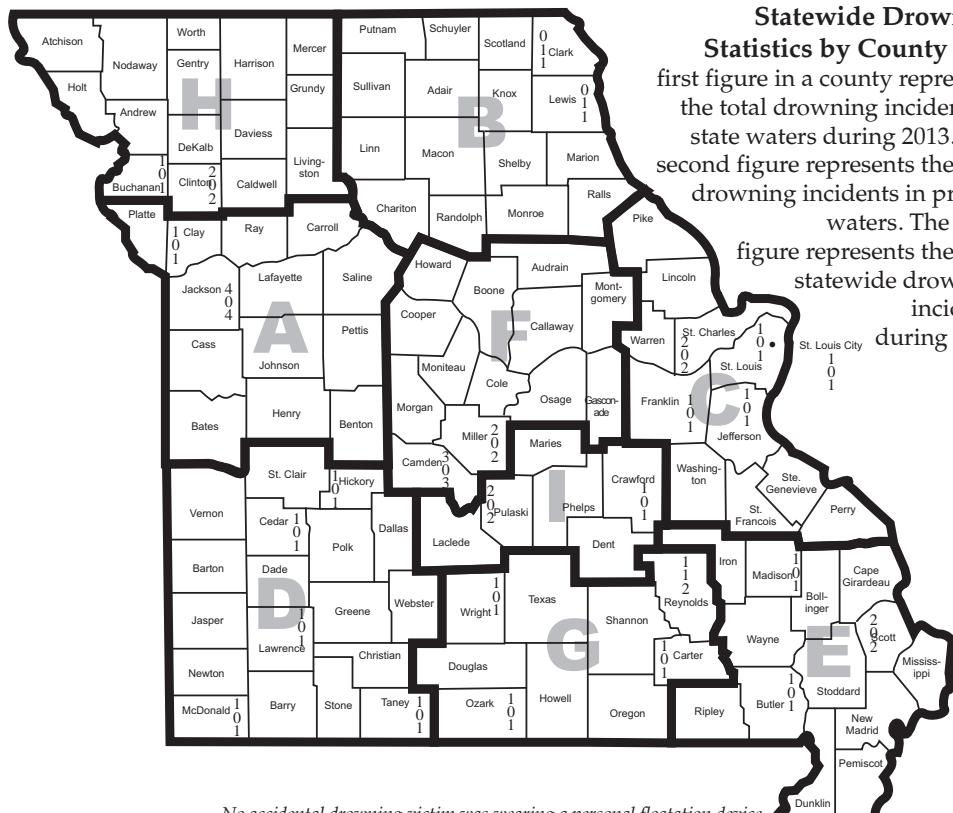
Time of Day	State Waters	Private	Total	Percent
Midnight to 3:59 a.m.	1	0	1	2.63
4:00 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	4	0	4	10.53
8:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.	5	1	6	15.79
Noon to 3:59 p.m.	13	1	14	36.84
4:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.	6	0	6	15.79
8:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	6	1	7	18.42
Total	35	3	38	

No accidental drowning victim was wearing a personal floatation device.

Statewide Drownings by Troop

Troop	State Waters	Private	Total
Troop A	5	0	5
Troop B	0	2	2
Troop C	6	0	6
Troop D	5	0	5
Troop E	4	0	4
Troop F	5	0	5
Troop G	4	1	5
Troop H	3	0	3
Troop I	3	0	3
Total	35	3	38

Statewide Drownings by County



No accidental drowning victim was wearing a personal floatation device.

Drownings by Body of Water

Body of Water	State Waters	Private	Total
Big River	1	0	1
Black River	1	0	1
Bourbeuse River	1	0	1
Brush Creek	1	0	1
Bull Shoals Lake	1	0	1
Castor River	1	0	1
Current River	1	0	1
Gasconade River	1	0	1
Lake of the Ozarks	4	0	4
Lake Taneycomo	1	0	1
Lakewood Lake	1	0	1
Longview Lake	2	0	2
Meramec River	2	0	2
Mississippi River	2	0	2
Missouri River	4	0	4
Mitchell Creek	2	0	2
New Town Lake	1	0	1
Pomme de Terre Lake	1	0	1
Smithville Lake	2	0	2
Sports Complex Lake (Sikeston)	1	0	1
Spring River	1	0	1
St. Francis River	1	0	1
Stockton Lake	1	0	1
Other (City Storm Drainage)	1	0	1
Private Pond	0	3	3
Total	35	3	38

No accidental drowning victim was wearing a personal floatation device.

Age of Drowning Victim

Age of Person	State Waters	Private	Total	Percent
1 - 5	2	0	2	5.26
6 - 10	1	0	1	2.63
11 - 15	1	0	1	2.63
16 - 20	6	0	6	15.79
21 - 25	5	0	5	13.16
26 - 30	1	1	2	5.26
31 - 35	4	0	4	10.53
36 - 40	3	0	3	7.89
41 - 45	2	0	2	5.26
46 - 50	1	0	1	2.63
51 - 55	3	1	4	10.53
56 - 60	3	0	3	7.89
61 - 65	0	0	0	0
66 - 70	2	0	2	5.26
71 - 75	1	0	1	2.63
76+	0	1	1	2.63
Total	35	3	38	



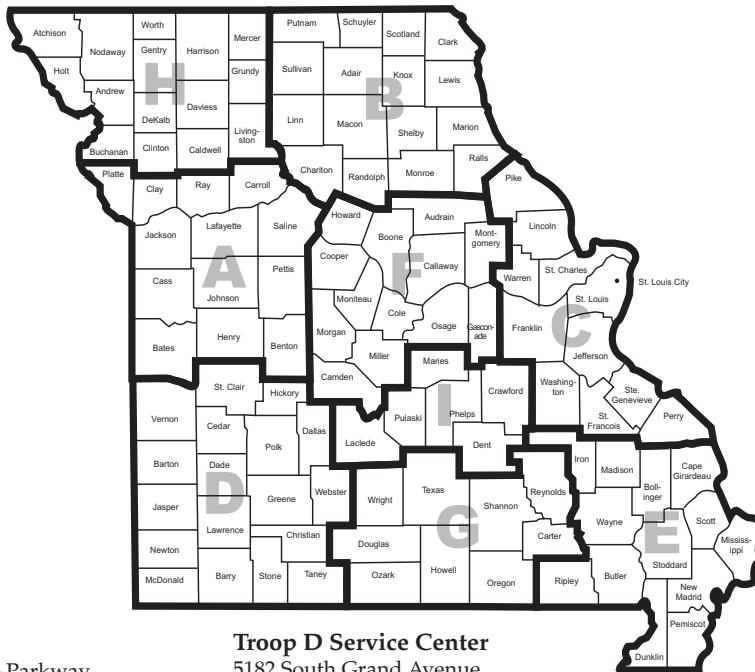
No accidental drowning victim was wearing a personal floatation device.

Holiday Crashes & Drownings

Crashes

Holiday	Year	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage	State	Private	Period
 Memorial Day	2012	0	6	11	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 25, to 11:59 p.m., Monday, May 28
	2013	1	3	3	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Friday, May 24, to 11:59 p.m., Monday, May 27
 Independence Day	2012	0	4	1	3	0	From 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 3, to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 4
	2013	1	8	10	3	0	From 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, to 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 7
 Labor Day	2012	0	2	1	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 31, to 11:59 p.m., Monday, September 3
	2013	0	5	5	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 30, to 11:59 p.m., Monday, September 2
 Thanksgiving	2012	0	0	0	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 21, to 11:59 p.m., Sunday, November 25
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 27, to 11:59 p.m., Sunday, December 1
 Christmas	2012	0	0	0	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 21, to 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, December 25
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 24, to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, December 25
 New Year	2012	0	0	0	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 28, 2012, to 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, January 1, 2013
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	From 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 27, 2013, to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, January 1, 2014

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